Private Albany, N.Y.

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Dear Friend,

Here am I on slave hunting ground. The appearance of N.Y. & Albany is somewhat Franco-germanian; but I saw one thing essentially American, on a Bus

"Coloured Persons allowed here."

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I have £2-2/ to transmit to Mrs Chapman from the A.S.

friends in War — to your funds: I also bring goods worth about £6 for the Philadelphia Bazaar. Will you have the money sent, or wait till I come. If the former, how shall I send it?

I expect to be at work here for some weeks. Then to go lecturing in Canada. If any abolitionists are passing thro' here, will they give me a call at the Nat. Hist Rooms, right up by the State House? — Or will you introduce me to any true hearted people you may know here?

A Stockport operative on board ship gave me the following story. He knew a brother & 2 sisters, young people working at a mill in Pendleton (Manchester). An American picked them out, said he knew their relations in America who had got immensely rich, & had sent him over to fetch them, wd make them rich too; as earnest whereof he gave them a gold watch & paid their passage across. But some one in Liverpool took them beware; they refused to go, the American was not to be found, & the Mayor of Liverpool had taken it up, supposing they were to be sold as slaves. — The Americans on board wd not believe this tale, "because they never enslave white people." [!!!] The girls might have been decoyed for immoral purposes, but what about the brother?

I gave two lectures on board ships, with discussions; the first on drinking, the second on Chattel Slavery. The only reply to the second was "How do you like to sleep with a nigger?" Answer, "Much better than with several of the lewd swearers on board." — An American said every word I had said was true. He was of English birth; also a Captain who described the horrors of Coolie Slavery at the Guano Islands; but all the native Americans stood up for it, on the ground (1) That the slaves were happy, & tho' some ran

away, most wanted to come back & a <u>large proportion</u> did actually return: (2) That in Jamaica the free blacks were lazy scamps; (3) That the blacks were naturally inferior, & tropical products could not be raised without them.— The most determined proslavery man was from Mass., his brother in law a rednot abolitionist whom I am to visit at Worcester.

I intend to go down South if I can a chance in spite of what you & Wilson

Say.

What tidings of H. C. Wright & Parker Pillsbury?

Ever yrs. &c &c

W. Carpenter

W. Garrison